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1. European patent publication no. 0 861 936 with English language translation of claims provided at columns 12-14 of the document.
2. German patent publication no. 3912977.
3. European patent publication no. 0 982 428. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of non-English documents 2 and 3 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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